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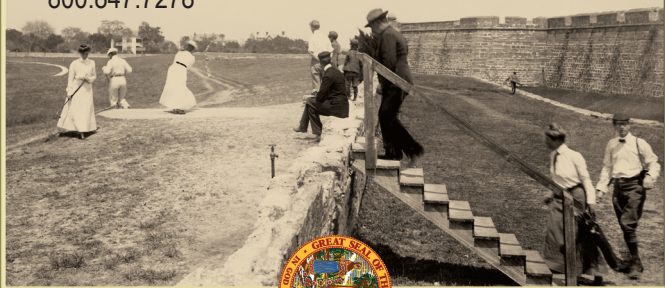


Florida's golf history is recognized as one of the oldest in the nation. A number of the earliest courses were created along with the development of railroads and hotels in the state.

The Florida Historic Golf Trail celebrates Florida's early golf heritage by featuring publicly accessible golf courses throughout the state that golfers can still play on today.

Some of the courses on the Florida Historic Golf Trail have retained much of their historic character, while others have been modified through the years. However, at each of these sites, golf has been played for more than half a century.

FloridaHistoricGolfTrail.com
800.847.7278



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE
DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

Arcadia

DeSoto County

Arcadia Municipal Golf Course

1769 NE Livingston Street

863.494.4223

arcdiamunicipalgolfcourse.com



HISTORY The Arcadia Municipal Golf Course is located in the City of Arcadia in DeSoto County. In 1917, the Arcadia Golf and Auto Club was organized and received support from Albert W. Gilchrist, Florida's 20th Governor and golf enthusiast. In 1919, following World War I, Arcadians again took up the matter of the golf course. The Golf Club enlisted the services of Harry Cowie to design the 9-hole layout. Construction began in the fall of 1922, and the course was completed in 1923. In 2001, the city added another nine holes and renovated the existing golf course.

TODAY The 18-hole, par-71 Arcadia Municipal Golf Course features four sets of tees playing from 4,800 to 5,800 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE Several original holes are still in use today. They are the current 1st hole (part of old 6th including the green), 2nd (old 5th), 3rd (old 3rd), 8th (old 4th), 9th (shortened old 7th), 10th (green is old 8th green and the adjacent driving range is the old 8th fairway), 11th (old 9th), 12th (old 1st), 17th (old 2nd), and 18th (part of old 6th).

Avon Park

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

Pinecrest Golf Club

2250 South Little Lake Bonnet Road

863.453.7555

golfpinecrest.com



HISTORY The Pinecrest Golf Club is located in the City of Avon Park in Highlands County. In the 1890's Harlan Page Davidson purchased a tract of land on Lake Lotela for a hotel and golf course. In 1925, Harlan's son, Col. Royal Page Davidson, contracted with golf course architect Bertie Way of Cleveland to design a golf course. A year later, the clubhouse and first nine holes of the golf course were complete. In 1936, E.B. Hitchcock of Chicago bought the property and began plans to expand the golf course to 18-holes.



TODAY The Pinecrest Golf Club includes an 18-hole, par-72 golf course featuring five sets of tees playing from 4,900 to 6,700 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE In 1959, Pinecrest hosted a televised match play elimination tournament for one of the biggest purses in golf at the time - \$171,000. The tournament was part of "World Championship Golf" which was televised over the NBC-TV network later that winter. The eight golfers who played were all Ryder Cup team members. Dr. Cary Middlecoff, a former dentist, won the event.

Bartow

POLK COUNTY

Bartow Golf Course

150 Idlewood Avenue

863.533.9183

cityofbartow.net

HISTORY The Bartow Golf Course is located in the City of Bartow in Polk County. In 1919, Tampa engineer Harry Knight was awarded the contract to build Bartow's golf course on land that had been a dairy farm. In 1925, the citizens of Bartow approved a bond of \$50,000 for the purchase of the holdings of the Bartow Golf Club and 100 acres adjoining the club, on which to construct an additional 9-holes. That same year, an exhibition golf match was held on the course that included the reigning U.S. Open champion Cyril Walker, who was wintering in Winter Haven. The new 18-hole golf course was officially opened on the morning of December 4, 1926, when Bartow's city manager struck his tee shot nearly 200 yards off the first tee.

TODAY The 18-hole, par-72 Bartow Golf Course features five sets of tees playing from 5,300 to 6,600 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE The greens are small, and water hazards come into play on seven holes, including number 18, a 428-yard, par-4, which features a small pond sitting in front of the well-bunkered green.



Bellevue Biltmore Golf Club

1501 Indian Rocks Road

727.581.5498

bellevuebiltmoregolf.com



HISTORY The Bellevue Biltmore Golf Club is located in the Town of Belleair in Pinellas County. It was originally named the Pelican Country Club. The golf course was designed by renowned golf course architect Donald Ross, who personally visited the site and claimed it was "one of the finest in the South." Using hundreds of pounds of dynamite to separate trees and stumps from the ground, a crew of 100 men and 35 teams of mules began work on the course in early 1926. The course officially opened in late December of that same year, with Gil Nichols as its first professional.

TODAY The Bellevue Biltmore Golf Club includes an 18-hole, par-71 golf course featuring four sets of tees playing from 5,100 to 6,600 yards.



LOCAL KNOWLEDGE The 440-yard 9th hole is ranked as the second hardest hole on the golf course today and has historically been one of the hardest holes on this course. The green is guarded by a bunker to the left and water along the right. Until the 1950s, this hole had water almost completely surrounding the green.

Boca Raton

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Boca Raton Resort & Club

501 East Camino Real

888.543.1277

bocaresort.com/play/golf



HISTORY The Boca Raton Resort & Club's Resort Course is located in the City of Boca Raton in Palm Beach County. Addison Mizner's Development Corporation hired golf architect Donald Ross to lay out an 18-hole golf course in association with the Cloister Inn. In 1927 the Mizner Development Corporation went bankrupt and the new owner, Clarence Geist, commissioned the golf course architectural firm of Howard Toomey & William Flynn to design two new 18-hole courses. The architects designed the North Course, as it was then called, in such a way to fit all 18 holes north of El Camino Real. In 1997, golf course architect Gene Bates oversaw the reconstruction of the Resort Course, which included the complete redesign and reconfiguration of each of the course's 18 holes.

TODAY The 18-hole, par-71 Resort Course at the Boca Raton Resort & Club features five sets of tees playing from 4,500 to 6,200 yards. To enjoy play on the Resort Course, you must be a member or registered guest at the Boca Raton Resort & Club.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE The Resort Course is dedicated to golfing legends Tommy Armour, "the Silver Scot," and "Slammin'" Sammy Snead. Both served as golf professionals at the Resort from 1926 to 1955, and 1956 to 1969, respectively.

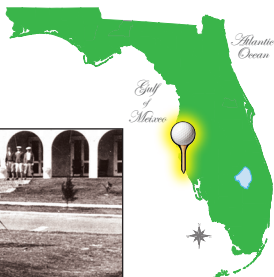


Clearwater Country Club

525 North Betty Lane

727.461.4188

clearwatercountryclub.com



HISTORY The Clearwater Country Club is located in downtown Clearwater in Pinellas County. The golf course was originally designed by British golf course architect Herbert Strong. After a year of construction, in 1921, nine holes were officially opened. Mrs. Daniel Simonds, who contributed money for the new clubhouse, hit the first shot, a nice drive down the fairway beyond the first bunker. Two years later, the completed 18-hole golf course was opened and ready for play. In 1940, golf course architect Perry Maxwell and his son Press Maxwell reworked a number of the greens and holes.

TODAY The Clearwater Country Club includes an 18-hole, par-72 course, featuring four sets of tees playing from 5,300 to 6,200 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE Your round of golf at Clearwater Country Club could be interrupted by a train! Twice a day a train rolls through the golf course along the CSX railroad. The course is bisected by the CSX Railroad which runs through the middle of the layout. In addition, Stevenson Creek runs through the entire golf course and comes in to play on several of the 18 holes.

Coral Gables

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Biltmore Golf Course

1210 Anastasia Avenue

305.460.5364

biltmorehotel.com/golf



HISTORY The Biltmore Golf Course is located in the City of Coral Gables in Miami-Dade County. The Biltmore Hotel complex originally featured two Donald Ross-designed 18-hole golf courses. Ground was broken in 1925, and on January 2, 1926, Bobby Jones and Tommy Armour played a 36-hole exhibition golf match against Gene Sarazen and Leo Diegel to open the new Miami-Biltmore links. At the onset of World War II, the federal government purchased the hotel complex for use as a veteran's hospital and released 18-holes of the golf complex to a private entity that formed the Riviera Country Club. In 2007, golf course architect Brian Silva completed a comprehensive restoration of the course.

TODAY The 18-hole, par-71, Biltmore Golf Course features four sets of tees playing from 5,200 to 6,700 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE The Biltmore Golf Course is the site of the Junior Orange Bowl International Golf Championship which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2013. The championship is a prestigious junior golf tournament for the best 18 and under players in the world. This international golf championship boasts an impressive alumni list including current professional players Tiger Woods, Bubba Watson, and Lexi Thompson.



Coral Gables

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Granada Golf Course

2001 Granada Boulevard
305.460.5367
coralgables.com



HISTORY The Granada Golf Course is located in the City of Coral Gables in Miami-Dade County. Construction of this 9-hole golf course began in 1922. The course was initially built for the residents of Coral Gables and designed under the personal supervision of William Langford of the golf architectural firm of Langford and Moreau. Golf was so popular in Coral Gables that the golf professional at Granada, Charlie Thum, was giving lessons on part of the course before it was finished. On January 15, 1923, the headlines from the *Miami News* read "FORE! The Coral Gables Golf Course Opens Today."

TODAY The 9-hole, par-36, Granada Golf Course features two sets of tees playing from 2,900 to 3,000 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE Burger Bob's Restaurant is located on Granada's 10th hole, and is a community favorite. Looking like an old-school diner from the 1950s (cash only), it is located in the Clubhouse. It's a meeting place for everybody in the city. "Office workers, politicians, lawyers... everybody comes here to eat and talk business," says "Burger" Bob Maguire.

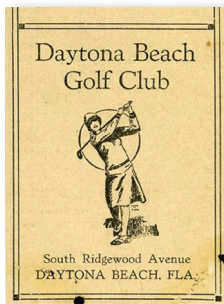
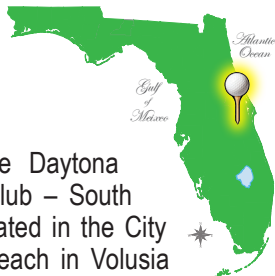


Daytona Beach

VOLUSIA COUNTY

Daytona Beach Golf Club – South Course

600 Wilder Boulevard
386.671.3500
daytonabeachgc.com



HISTORY The Daytona Beach Golf Club – South Course is located in the City of Daytona Beach in Volusia County. Opening as the Daytona Golf and Country Club, the South Course was designed by the renowned golf course architect Donald Ross. The first nine holes of the course were formally opened in 1921. The

completed 18-hole golf course opened in January of 1923. In 1944, Ross returned to Daytona Beach to redesign several of the holes and greens. In 1997, the course was redesigned by Lloyd Clifton, who had served as South Course greens keeper in the 1950s.

TODAY The 18-hole, par-71 South Course at the Daytona Beach Golf Club features three sets of tees playing from 5,100 to 6,200 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE The current 4th hole is the hardest hole on the course. This par-5 stretches out 500 yards from the back tee and is bordered by the FEC railroad tracks along the entire length of the left side of the fairway. The current green is on the south side of Wilder Boulevard; however, the original green was located on the north side of Wilder Boulevard.

DeFuniak Springs

WALTON COUNTY

DeFuniak Springs Country Club

171 Country Club Lane

850.892.3812

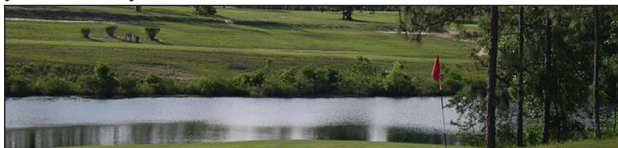
defuniakspringsgolf.com



HISTORY The DeFuniak Springs Country Club is located in the City of DeFuniak Springs in Walton County. In the early 1920s, a group of progressive businessmen recognized that golf links would draw winter tourists to their community, and sought to organize a Golf and Country Club for the benefit of tourists as well as locals. By 1924, a 9-hole golf course was under construction and opened with sand greens. The golf course remained a 9-hole layout until the late 1960s when land was cleared for an additional 9 holes. The 18-hole course was completed in the 1970s.

TODAY The DeFuniak Springs Country Club includes an 18-hole, par-72 golf course featuring five sets of tees playing from 4,100 to 6,600 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE The original 9-hole layout is still in use as the current front nine. In 1928, the course length was 3,140 yards which is only a short pitch from today's yardage, which plays at 3,183 yards from the white tees.



Delray Beach

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Delray Beach Golf Club

2200 Highland Avenue

561.243.7380

delraybeachgolfclub.com

HISTORY The Delray Beach Golf Club is located in the City of Delray Beach in Palm Beach County. In 1923, the city purchased land for a municipal golf course and two years later legendary golf course architect Donald Ross designed an 18-hole golf course for the property. In 1926, the golf course officially opened but only nine holes were built. The 9-hole course continued in operation until it was closed because of World War II. After reopening in 1945, the city leaders voted to add a second nine holes which opened in 1950. Red Lawrence and Robert Bruce Harris made course additions and redesigns during the 1960s. The Golf Club is

currently the home of several Pro-Am events, including the annual Betty Jameson Classic and the annual Beth Daniel Clinic, featuring the likes of Beth Daniel and Meg Mallon.

TODAY The Delray Beach

Golf Club includes an 18-hole, par-72 golf course featuring four sets of tees playing from 5,100 to 6,800 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE The original Donald Ross 9-hole layout is still in use and consists of the current back nine.



Dunedin Golf Club

1050 Palm Boulevard

727.733.7836

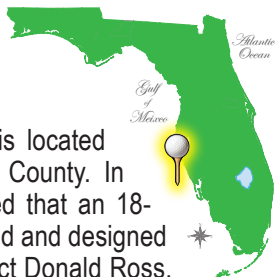
dunedingolfclub.com

HISTORY The Dunedin Golf Club is located in the City of Dunedin in Pinellas County. In February of 1926, it was announced that an 18-hole golf course would be constructed and designed by the legendary golf course architect Donald Ross. Work on the course started in 1926 when Ross and his staff visited Dunedin to look over the site. The golf course was finished ten months later, although some details remained to be completed. The course opened for play on January 1, 1927. On June 4, 2014, the Dunedin Isles Golf Club became the third golf course in Florida to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

TODAY The Dunedin Golf Club includes an 18-hole, par-72 golf course featuring five sets of tees playing from 4,700 to 6,600 yards.



LOCAL KNOWLEDGE In 1944, the PGA of America signed a lease with the City of Dunedin to turn the city golf course into the PGA National Golf Club. The PGA Merchandise Show, now the world's largest and most influential golf business event, grew from humble beginnings in Dunedin in 1954.



Fort Myers

LEE COUNTY

Fort Myers Country Club

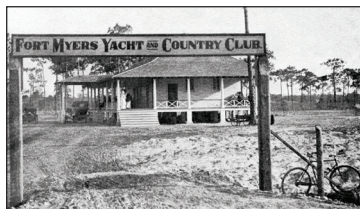
3591 McGregor Boulevard

239.321.7488

cityftmyers.com/227/Fort-Myers-Country-Club



HISTORY The Fort Myers Country Club is located in the City of Fort Myers in Lee County. From its wild and humble beginnings, of grounds covered with pines and palmettos, an 18-hole golf course was constructed in 1916. Designed by the legendary golf architect Donald Ross, the course was built under the supervision of James B. McGovern, a longtime design associate of Ross's.



Acting Secretary of the Fort Myers Golf and Yacht Club, A.L. White, helped supervise construction of the 18-hole golf course which was officially completed in November of 1917.

TODAY The Fort Myers Country Club includes an 18-hole, par-70/71 golf course featuring six sets of tees playing from 3,900 to 6,700 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE In January 1930, Mina (Mrs. Thomas) Edison played her first round of golf on the Fort Myers golf course. Her first swing missed the golf ball completely, but she connected on her second attempt and sent the ball some 90 yards down the fairway. Mrs. Edison finished her 9-hole round with a score of 99. Undiscouraged, and enjoying the game, she ordered a new set of golf clubs.

Hollywood

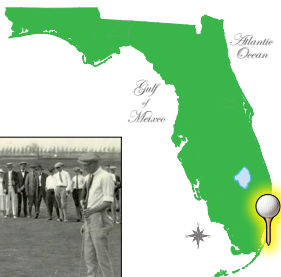
BROWARD COUNTY

Hollywood Beach Golf Resort

1650 Johnson Street

888.895.6695

hollywoodbeachgolfresort.com



HISTORY The Hollywood Beach Golf Resort is located in the City of Hollywood in Broward County. Wallie Nelson and noted golf course builder Charles Olsen were among the many individuals responsible for the early design of the Hollywood Beach golf course. The first nine holes were completed and in play by the 1922 winter season. In the fall of 1922, Wallie's brother Lee Nelson, the professional in charge of the course, was spending most of his time on the course directing some of the finishing work and incorporating some late ideas into the final design. In early 1923, Lee and his brother Chic Nelson, who served as the assistant golf professional, organized the formal opening of the 18-hole golf course and the hotel.

TODAY The Hollywood Beach Golf Resort includes an 18-hole, par-70 golf course featuring four sets of tees playing from 4,900 to 6,300 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE Wally, Lee and Chic Nelson were only half of a famous golfing family that included three more brothers, Chester (Chess), Erwin and Dick. All six brothers were golf professionals who came from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Homestead

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Redland Golf and Country Club

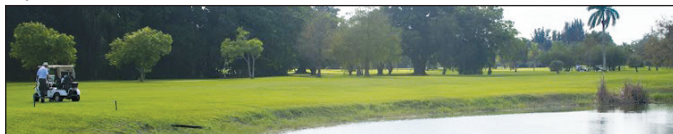
24451 Krome Avenue
305.247.8503
redlandgolf.com



HISTORY The Redland Golf and Country Club is located in the unincorporated community of Redland near the City of Homestead in Miami-Dade County. In the 1940s, when Joe L. Burton, a Homestead department store owner (who had never held a golf club in his hand) started to raise money for an 18-hole championship golf course in the Redland District, many said it couldn't be done. But Burton, along with a handful of men, raised \$40,000 in four months by selling memberships at \$100 each. In 1947, the club retained the services of golf course architect Red Lawrence, to design an 18-hole course, and A.W. Lindgren Land Clearing Company was contracted to clear the property. Only nine holes were built at that time. It would be two decades before the second nine holes were built in the early 1960s.

TODAY The Redland Golf and Country Club includes an 18-hole, par-72 golf course featuring three sets of tees playing from 5,600 to 6,600 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE The original 1947 Red Lawrence 9-hole layout is still in use and consists of the current front nine.



Howey-in-the-Hills

LAKE COUNTY

Mission Inn Resort & Club – El Campeón

10400 Country Road 48

800.874.9053

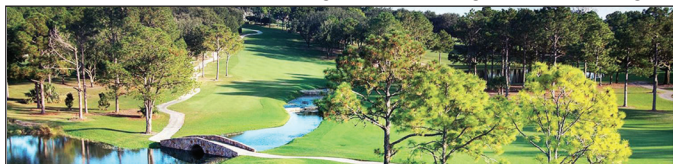
missioninnresort.com



HISTORY The Mission Inn Resort & Club's El Campeón Course is located in the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills in Lake County. To attract investors and visitors to the town, William J. Howey hired Chicago-based golf course architect George O'Neil, to design an 18-hole golf course. O'Neil claimed that "this will be America's most famous course in a short while." The course officially opened in 1917. After a decade of use, Captain Charles E. Clarke of Troon, Scotland was brought in to rework and update the golf course.

TODAY The 18-hole, par-72 El Campeón Course at Mission Inn Resort & Club features six tees playing from 4,800 to 7,000 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE Water comes into play on 13 of the 18 holes on the El Campeón course and nowhere more dramatically than the 8th hole. Named "Island Green," the downhill par-3 hole plays from 100 to 190 yards over water to a peninsula green. Two bunkers, left and behind, provide the only safe bailout areas. This water hole will swallow up any errant shots and dates back to George O'Neil's original 1917 design.



Key West

MONROE COUNTY

Key West Golf Club

6450 East College Road

305.294.5232

keywestgolf.com

HISTORY The Key West Golf Club is located in the City of Key West in Monroe County. In 1923, the city purchased land on Stock Island and hired the golf course architectural firm of Langford and Moreau to design an 18-hole golf course which included an island green and tee out in the Gulf of Mexico. Dynamite was used to blast away coral for the fairways. Nine holes were officially opened in 1924. Langford and Moreau's 18-hole plan was never completed. During the 1960's, nine holes were added and in 1983, golf course architect Rees Jones and co-designer Keith Evans completely redesigned the entire golf course property. The Key West Golf Club is the southernmost golf course not only in Florida but in the continental United States.



TODAY The Key West Golf Club is an 18-hole, par-70 golf course, featuring four sets of tees playing from 5,000 to 6,500 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE The golf course has several challenging holes, including the infamous 8th hole. The par-3 "Mangrove Hole" plays from 129 to 185 yards, completely over a field of thickly intertwined tropical mangroves.



Lakeland

POLK COUNTY

Cleveland Heights Golf Course

2900 Buckingham Avenue
863.834.4653
clevelandheightsgolf.com



HISTORY The Cleveland Heights Golf Course is located in the City of Lakeland in Polk County. Cleveland Heights Golf Course opened in 1925 and was designed by the golf course architectural firm of Howard Toomey & William Flynn. In the early years, members met at the clubhouse which was originally on Lake Hollingsworth and were driven to the Locker House on Buckingham Avenue to meet caddies. In the early 1980s, general manager Reuben Gibson supervised the addition of the third nine holes, which expanded the course to the 27 holes in play today.

TODAY The Cleveland Heights Golf Course is a 27-hole golf complex consisting of three 9-hole courses that are played in 18-hole combinations featuring three sets of tees playing from 5,300 to 6,400 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE Sixteen of the original 18 holes from the Toomey & Flynn design are still in use today, starting with A-1 (old 1st), A-2 (2nd), A-3 (3rd), A-6 (4th), A-7 (5th), A-8 (6th), A-9 (9th), B-1 (10th), B-2 (11th), B-7 (12th), B-8 (13th), B-9 (14th), C- 1 (15th), C-7 (16th), C-8 (17th), and C-9 (18th).



Lakeland

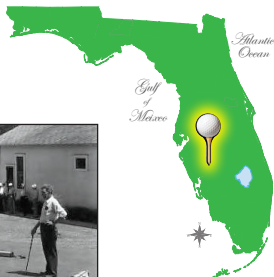
POLK COUNTY

Wedgewood Golf Club

401 Carpenters Way

863.858.4451

golfwedgewood.com



HISTORY The Wedgewood Golf Club is located in the City of Lakeland in Polk County. The Club is located on the former site of the National Home of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. Construction of the golf course began in 1929. The golf course officially opened on January 1, 1931 with Charles W. Howe as the professional in charge. In 1983, the course reopened after a year's worth of redesign by Lakeland golf course architect Ron Garl. The renovation project included building five new holes and revamping 13 of the existing holes.

TODAY The Wedgewood Golf Club includes an 18-hole, par-70 golf course featuring three sets of tees playing from 4,800 to 6,400 yards.

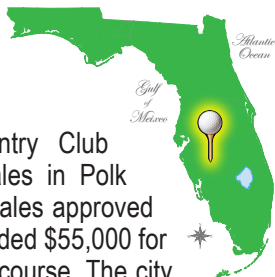
LOCAL KNOWLEDGE Navigating around the fairway bunkers on the 403-yard, par-4 fifth hole is the number one priority on this number one handicap hole. The undulated green is protected by a water hazard that swallows thousands of balls a year. Make par and go to the next hole.

Lake Wales

POLK COUNTY

Lake Wales Country Club

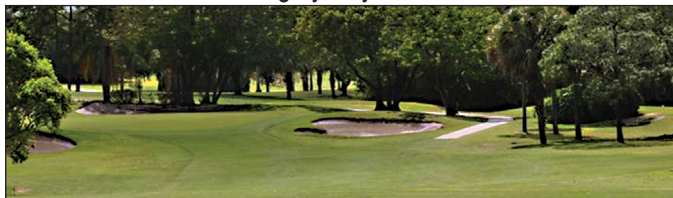
2925 Highway 60 East
863.676.2422
lakewalescc.com



HISTORY The Lake Wales Country Club is located in the City of Lake Wales in Polk County. In 1924, the City of Lake Wales approved a special \$190,000 bond which included \$55,000 for the construction of a municipal golf course. The city acquired the services of one of America's most renowned golf course architects, Seth Raynor, who had designed the nearby Mountain Lake golf course. On January 27, 1925, Lake Wales Mayor L.H. Kramer declared a holiday for the formal opening of the golf course. Only nine holes were opened for play that year. The other nine holes, which had been laid out by Raynor, were constructed and completed a year later.

TODAY The Lake Wales Country Club includes an 18-hole, par-71/72 golf course featuring seven sets of tees playing from 4,200 to 7,000 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE This course may be the only municipal golf course Seth Raynor ever designed. The course still follows most of the historic routing by Raynor.



Lake Wales

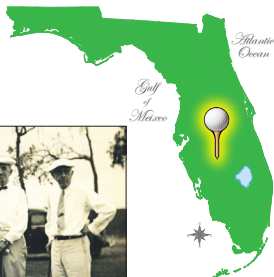
POLK COUNTY

Lekarica Hills Golf Course

1650 South Highland Park Drive

863.679.9478

lekarica.com



HISTORY The Lekarica Hills Golf Course is located in the Village of Highland Park, just south of Lake Wales in Polk County. A 9-hole golf course existed on the property for several years in the early 1920s. The course was poorly designed and frequently flooded. In 1927, the Boston golf course architectural firm of Stiles & Van Kleek was hired to design an 18-hole golf course on the site. Named the Highland Park Club, Stiles & Van Kleek rebuilt and incorporated five of the old holes into the new design. Several of the new holes were laid out in an orange grove on higher ground. The current name, Lekarica, is said to be derived from the names of a past owner's children; Lesley, Kara and Eric.

TODAY The Lekarica Hills Golf Course features three sets of tees playing from 5,100 to 6,100 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE A local rule on the 1933 scorecard for Highland Park indicated that players could drop their ball without penalty if it was in wagon tracks.

Lake Worth

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Lake Worth Golf Club

One 7th Avenue North

561.582.9713

lakeworthgolfclub.com



HISTORY The Lake Worth Golf Club is located in the City of Lake Worth in Palm Beach County. In 1923, the City of Lake Worth approved a proposition to build a golf course along the city's lakefront. The golf course architectural firm of Langford and Moreau was hired to design an 18-hole golf course. Plans included dredging the bottom of Lake Worth to fill in a considerable portion along the lake front. Nine holes of the golf course officially opened on November 12, 1926 at a cost of \$400,000. The keys to the clubhouse were presented by Lake Worth's Mayor to Cameron Trent, the golf professional. In 1948, the completed 18-hole golf course was opened for play after golf course architect Dick Wilson redesigned the original holes and added nine more.

TODAY The Lake Worth Golf Club includes an 18-hole, par-70 golf course featuring five sets of tees playing from 5,100 to 5,900 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE A 1927 newspaper report claimed that "golfers will soon replace boats," in recognition that almost all of the golf course land was once at the bottom of Lake Worth.

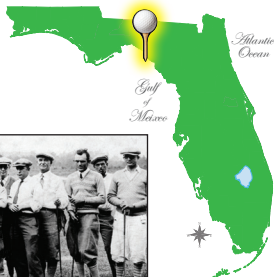


Live Oak

SUWANNEE COUNTY

Suwannee Country Club

7932 US 90
386.362.1147
suwanneecc.com



HISTORY The Suwannee Country Club is located in the City of Live Oak in Suwannee County. In 1924, the Live Oak Golf and Country Club was organized for the purpose of acquiring a site and building a golf course. A site was chosen several miles east of town and a 9-hole golf course was open for play in 1926 with sand greens. Former Florida Governor Cary Hardee (1921-1925) was the club's first president.

TODAY The Suwannee Country Club includes a 9-hole, par-36 golf course featuring four sets of tees playing from 4,800 to 6,100 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE Former Governor Cary Hardee made a hole-in-one on the 5th hole, while playing with a party of friends in 1928. Today, the short but difficult par-3, plays to a yardage of 134 yards. A mid-to-short iron for most, the difficulty lies in the small undulating green, and the oak tree just left of the green. To make birdie, an accurate iron shot and a great putt are required.

Marianna

JACKSON COUNTY

Florida Caverns Golf Course

3345 Caverns Road

850.482.4257

floridastateparks.org/park/Florida-Caverns



HISTORY The Florida Caverns Golf Course is located on the grounds of the Florida Caverns State Park near the City of Marianna in Jackson County. In February 1938, State Forester and Park Executive Harry Lee Baker brought in golf course architect Robert Trent Jones Sr. who, upon inspection, indicated he was pleased with the location in the state park. When work began on the golf course later that year, news reports credit Arthur Ham with the design. Ham reportedly worked for the legendary golf course architect, Donald Ross. Nearly 100 Works Progress Administration (WPA) workers were hired for ten months to complete the Florida Caverns Golf Course. Nine holes were opened by March of 1939, and the entire course opened by July of that year. By the late 1940s, nine holes were abandoned for unknown reasons.



TODAY The 9-hole, par-36 Florida Caverns Golf Course features five sets of tees playing from 4,800 to 6,400 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE Over the years, park rangers and locals have reported discovering what appear to be “tee boxes” in the nearby woods. These are the remnants of the abandoned holes from the original 18-hole golf course.

Crane Creek Reserve Golf Course

475 West New Haven Avenue

321.674.5716

cranecreekgolf.net



HISTORY The Crane Creek Reserve Golf Course is located in the City of Melbourne in Brevard County. The Melbourne Golf and Country Club opened in 1920 as a 6-hole golf course. Designed by M.K.V. Davis, it was expanded to a 9-hole course a year later. As the game and the golf course became more popular, it was decided that a complete 18-hole golf course was needed. In 1926, renowned golf course architect Donald Ross was commissioned to design a new 18-hole layout, and the golf course was officially opened in 1928. Newspaper articles reported that President Warren G. Harding enjoyed playing on the golf course.

TODAY The 18-hole, par-71 Crane Creek Reserve Golf Course features four sets of tees playing from 4,600 to 5,800 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE In 1925, along the banks of the Crane Creek canal, which runs through the golf course, geologists found human remains from 10,000 to 8,000 BC along-side fossilized bones of a mastodon. The human skull that was found came to be known as "Melbourne Man" and was exhibited at the 1925 meeting of the Paleontological Society of America and was studied at the Smithsonian Institution.



Miami Beach

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Miami Beach Golf Club

2301 Alton Road

305.532.3350

miamibeachgolfclub.com



HISTORY The Miami Beach Golf Club is located in the City of Miami Beach in Miami-Dade County. Originally called the Bay Shore Golf Course, work began on the golf course in 1921. Developer Carl Fisher brought in English course designer Willie Park to lay out the course. The golf course was officially opened to the public in 1923. During World War II, the U.S. Army rented the course for \$1 a year for use as a training ground; and helmeted, rifle-toting soldiers found themselves running through the course's palm trees amid the smoke from practice grenades. In 2002, Arthur Hills and Steve Forrest redesigned the entire golf course.

TODAY The Miami Beach Golf Club includes an 18-hole, par-72 golf course featuring four sets of tees playing from 5,000 to 6,800 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE The two-story house on the right side of the 5th tee was the former home of Capt. H.C.C Tippet, the golf professional for both the Miami Beach (Bay Shore) and the old Miami Beach golf courses. It is said that he could survey the entire 36 holes of the two courses from the home's lookout tower.



Miami Beach

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Normandy Shores Golf Club

2401 Biarritz Drive

305.868.6502

normandyshoresgolfclub.com

HISTORY Normandy Shores Golf Club is located on the northern end of Miami Beach in Miami-Dade County. In 1923, two mangrove-covered islands in Biscayne Bay were being developed. A portion of North Island, which would be named Normandy Shores, was purchased by the city of Miami Beach to create a golf course. William S. Flynn of the golf course architectural firm of Howard Toomy and William S. Flynn, met with Miami Beach officials in 1938. Construction of the golf course took longer than expected because of the difficulties encountered growing grass on the spoil that had been pumped off the bottom of Biscayne Bay. The golf course officially opened in 1941. The golf course underwent changes in the 1950s by Mark Manahan and, in 2008, by Arthur Hills.

TODAY The Normandy Shores Golf Club includes an 18-hole, par-71 golf course featuring three sets of tees playing from 5,900 yards to 6,800 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE In 2010, the city opened the current clubhouse, a reproduction of the original Normandy Shores clubhouse that had been designed by prominent architect August Geiger in 1941.



Miami Shores

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Miami Shores Country Club

10000 Biscayne Boulevard

305.795.2360

miamishoresgolf.com



HISTORY Miami Shores Country Club is located in the Village of Miami Shores in Miami-Dade County. Early in 1939, work crews began clearing 130 acres of woodland for the new Miami Shores Village Golf and Country Club. Golf course architects Robert F. “Red” Lawrence and Louis Wilson planned the course and directed its construction. Lawrence and Wilson were former associates of the architectural firm of Toomey & Flynn. The golf course opened in the fall of 1939. Two major hazards bisect the golf course, the Biscayne Canal Number C-8 and the Florida East Coast railroad, the latter of which is now deemed out of bounds. In 2011, the golf course underwent a major renovation.

TODAY The Miami Shores Country Club includes an 18-hole, par-71 golf course that features four sets of tees ranging from 5,000 to 6,700 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE Since its beginning, the par-3, 2nd hole, which was originally the 11th, has been deemed as “the hole.” Angling from right to left, the tee and green are separated by the Biscayne Canal which gobbles up a hook shot with the greatest of ease.



Miami Springs

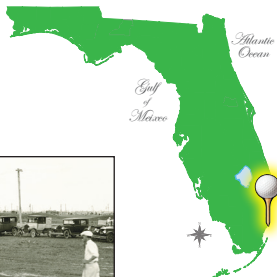
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Miami Springs Golf & Country Club

650 Curtiss Parkway

305.805.5180

miamispringsgolfcourse.com



HISTORY The Miami Springs Golf and Country Club is located in the City of Miami Springs in Miami-Dade County. Developers Glenn Curtiss and James Bright partnered with a local group of Miami golfers known as the “Miami Coconuts” to incorporate a golf course into the new city of Miami Springs in 1921. The firm of William Langford and Theodore Moreau of Chicago was chosen to design an 18-hole layout. Known as the Miami-Hialeah golf course, it officially opened in 1923. Since its beginning, the course had a connection with the local Seminole Indians. Seminole Indian women planted grass and Seminole Indian men in native dress served as caddies.

TODAY The Miami Springs Golf and Country Club includes an 18-hole, par-71 golf course that features four sets of tees playing from 5,300 to 6,700 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE After winning the United States Amateur Golf Championship in Detroit, Arnold Palmer’s first effort as a pro golfer was at the 1954 Miami Open, on the Miami Springs golf course. He failed to survive the 36-hole cut and Bob Rosburg went on to win the tournament.

Mount Dora

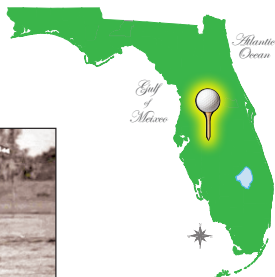
LAKE COUNTY

Mount Dora Golf Club

1100 South Highland Street

352.383.3954

mountdoragolf.com



HISTORY Mount Dora Golf Club is located in the City of Mount Dora in central Lake County. The Mount Dora Golf Association was formed in 1945 when G.I.s returning from World War II petitioned the City of Mount Dora for a golf course. The city agreed to lease 80 acres along the Orange County line for this purpose. Using mule power and a bulldozer, these men crafted the first nine holes. On December 15th, 1946, the first ball was hit by Willard Wadsworth, President of the new Mount Dora Golf Association. The city gave the new golf course an unused traffic kiosk for the first pro shop. Nine holes were added in 1959 and the present clubhouse was built in the 1960s.

TODAY The Mount Dora Golf Club includes an 18-hole, par-70 golf course featuring three sets of tees playing from 5,200 to 5,700 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE Several holes from the original 9-hole layout are still in use today, starting with the current 1st hole (old 1st), 2nd (old 3rd), the 3rd and 4th make up the old 4th hole, 8th (old 5th), 15th (old 7th played in opposite direction) and the 17th (old 8th).

Naples

COLLIER COUNTY

Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club

851 Golf Shore Boulevard North

239.261.2222

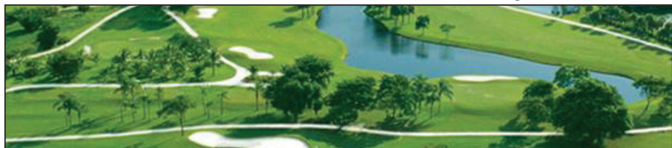
naplesbeachhotel.com/golf-tennis/golf

HISTORY Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club is located in the City of Naples in Collier County. In 1930, Allen Joslin of Cincinnati was hired to construct and operate the golf course. Bermuda grass, cut from the nearby orange groves, was used on the fairways.

The course opened in 1931 along with the clubhouse. The Watkins family purchased the hotel and golf course in 1946 and continue to own and operate them today. The course was redesigned by Mark Mahanna in the late 1940s and then subsequently redesigned over the next few decades by Ron Garl. In 2010, the resort refurbished the greens and tees, and completed a refurbishment of the fairways during the summer of 2011.

TODAY The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club includes an 18-hole, par-72 golf course featuring four sets of tees playing from 5,100 to 6,400 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE As the story goes...in 1951, an 11-year-old Jack Nicklaus was on a family vacation at the hotel when he broke 40 for nine holes for the first time, shooting a 37.



New Smyrna Beach

VOLUSIA COUNTY

New Smyrna Golf Club

1000 Wayne Avenue
386.424.2190
newsmyrnagolfclub.com



HISTORY New Smyrna Golf Club is located in the City of New Smyrna Beach in Volusia County. In 1948, W. Tydings gave the city 150 acres of land for the immediate construction of a golf course. James B. McGovern, a longtime design associate of Donald Ross, visited the site on behalf of Ross and secured the hiring of Donald Ross and Associates. Ground breaking and construction began later that year. Nine holes were opened in early 1949, but, due to a dispute over title to part of the land, work on the back nine was halted. Four more holes finally opened in 1953, and the remaining five holes (the present third through seventh) weren't completed until 1956 and put into play the following spring. In 2006, Bobby Weed completely renovated the golf course.

TODAY The New Smyrna Golf Club includes an 18-hole, par-72 golf course featuring three sets of tees playing from 5,500 to 6,500 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE On one of the earliest plans for the golf course the developers included a horse stable and a bridle path that encircled the entire golf course property.



Eglin Golf Course

1527 Fairway Drive

850.882.2949

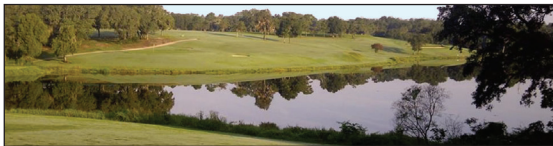
eglingolf.com



HISTORY The Eglin Golf Course's Eagle Course is located in the City of Niceville in Okaloosa County. In 1922, Chicago businessman James E. Plew came to the area and organized the Chicago Country Club of Valparaiso. The golf course operated as a 9-hole course until 1927 when the firm of William Langford and Theodore Moreau was hired to design an 18-hole course. In 1949, the Plew family sold the course to the U.S. government and the course was renovated and re-established as an 18-hole course. The Eagle Golf Course (named after the F-15 Eagle fighter aircraft) is one of two 18-hole courses at the Eglin Golf Course Complex.

TODAY The 18-hole, par-72 Eagle Course at Eglin Golf Course features four sets of tees playing from 5,100 to 6,800 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE The Eagle Course has two unique holes, numbers 6 and 7, which require a blind tee shot over a hill. After playing the second shot, golfers must ring a bell to alert the players behind them that it's safe to tee off. On number 6 players ring the bell once and on 7 they ring it twice.



North Palm Beach

PALM BEACH COUNTY

North Palm Beach Country Club

951 U.S. Highway 1

561.691.3433

npbcc.org

HISTORY The North Palm Beach Country Club is located in the Village of North Palm Beach in Palm Beach County. In the early 1920s, Paris Singer and Harry Kelsey purchased land several miles north of the existing Everglades Club to build a new golf course. In 1926, Singer presided over the opening of the “new” Everglades Club 18-hole golf course designed by Seth Raynor. Newspaper articles described the new course as being accessible by either automobile or by fast motor boats direct from the Club’s steps. The club and golf course were purchased by the Village of North Palm Beach in 1962. In November 2006, the renovated golf course became only the second public municipal golf course in the United States at that time to bear the prestigious moniker of a Jack Nicklaus “Signature” Golf Course.



TODAY The North Palm Beach Country Club includes an 18-hole, par-71 golf course featuring six sets of tees, including a family tee, playing from 3,600 up to 7,000 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE For the multi-million dollar 2006 renovation project, Jack Nicklaus charged the Village of North Palm Beach only one dollar.



Ocala

MARION COUNTY

Ocala Golf Club

3130 N.E. Silver Springs Boulevard

352.401.6917

ocalagolfclub.com

HISTORY The Ocala Golf Club is located in the City of Ocala in Marion County. The early popularity of golf in Ocala generated citizen support for the development of a golf course on the east side of town. Construction began in 1930 for a course designed and built under the personal supervision of E. Ellsworth Giles, golf architect from Pittsburgh. Giles promoted himself not only as an architect but as a builder of golf courses and an authority in selecting land for golf links. The Ocala Highlands Golf Course and Hotel formally opened in 1931. The City of Ocala purchased the golf course in the mid-1940s and built a new clubhouse. In 2009, the municipal golf course re-opened for play following an extensive renovation by golf course architect Michael Beebe.

TODAY The Ocala Golf Club includes an 18-hole, par-72 golf course featuring five sets of tees playing from 4,200 to 6,500 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

The Florida State Golf Association's (FSGA) Florida State Amateur tournament trophy is named after Ocala's own, Clarence Camp. Camp was a founding member and the first president of the FSGA in 1913.



Orlando

ORANGE COUNTY

Dubsdread Golf Course

549 West Par Street
407.246.2551
historicaldubsdread.com



HISTORY The Dubsdread Golf Course is located in the City of Orlando in Orange County. In 1923, Carl Dann Sr., a major Central Florida developer, had a disagreement with the Orlando Country Club, and formed a club on his own. Construction began in 1923 and Dann is believed to have been the designer. Opening in 1924, Dubsdread derives its name from the intent of instilling dread in “dubs,” or novice golfers. The City of Orlando purchased the golf course in the late 1970s. In 2008, the course underwent an extensive renovation.

TODAY The 18-hole, par-70 Dubsdread Golf Course features four sets of tees playing from 4,100 to 6,100 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE Legend has it that Ky Laffoon, a veteran tour pro, had such a bad temper that after a particularly costly three-putt on the 18th hole, Laffoon ran to his car, pulled a gun out of the trunk, and shot the offending putter three times. Laffoon was reported to have shouted, “That’s the last time you’ll three-putt on me!” He then gathered up the pieces of the club and buried them in a sand trap by the 18th green.

Ormond Beach

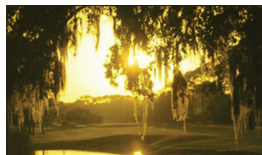
VOLUSIA COUNTY

Riviera Country Club

500 Calle Grande Street

386.677.2464

rivcc.com



HISTORY The Riviera Country Club golf course is located in the City of Ormond Beach in Volusia County. In 1926, John Van Kleek, working for the landscape architectural firm A.D. Taylor designed a nine-hole golf course for the Rio Vista on the Halifax development. In late 1953, the golf course was purchased by the Meyers family, and a year later the nine holes were remodeled by golf course architect Mark Mahannah. In 1967, an additional nine holes were designed by architect Dave Wallace. Over the years, well-known golf architect Lloyd Clifton gave a facelift to several holes and was instrumental in the look of the course and its present-day character. The Riviera Country Club is home to the longest-running Mini-Tour Event in the country, The Riviera Open, which began in 1960.

TODAY The Riviera Country Club includes an 18-hole, par-71 golf course featuring three sets of tees playing from 5,100 to 6,200 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE The par-4 10th hole was originally the 1st hole of the 1920s 9-hole golf course and retains its original routing.

Palatka

PUTNAM COUNTY

Palatka Golf Club

1715 Moseley Avenue

386.329.0141

palatkaclub.com



HISTORY Palatka Golf Club is located in the City of Palatka in Putnam County. In the early 1920s, the women of Palatka petitioned their city commission for a public improvements bond in which the city would include an 18-hole golf course. By 1925, construction had begun, and the golf course was taking shape. Newspaper articles at the time credited W.D. Clark with the original design of the golf course which opened in 1926. A ticket to play for one year cost \$50. Since 1958, every March the Palatka Golf Club has hosted the Florida Azalea Amateur, one of the most prestigious golf tournaments in Florida. In 2014, Bobby Weed Golf Design renovated the golf course to give it a historic look and feel.

TODAY The Palatka Golf Club includes an 18-hole, par-72 golf course featuring three sets of tees playing from 4,700 to 5,800 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE A unique feature of Palatka Golf Club is its aqua driving range, where players drive their balls into a pond. It serves a dual purpose as a retention pond for the golf course.

Pensacola

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

A.C. Read Golf Course

Bldg. 3495 NAS Pensacola

850.452.2454

navymwrpensacola.com

HISTORY The A.C. Read Golf Course complex is located within the gates of the Naval Air Station Pensacola in Escambia County. In 1942, NAS Pensacola constructed an 18-hole golf course to provide recreational activity for the sailors stationed there. It's named in honor of Albert Cushing Read, an avid golfer and graduate of the first aviator class at Naval Air Station Pensacola in 1915. Over the years, the golf course has been expanded and renovated by golf course architects William W. Amick and Jerry Pate. The original 18-hole golf course has been incorporated into portions of the entire golf complex.

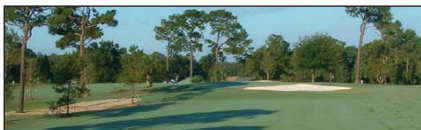
TODAY The A.C. Read Golf Course is a 27-hole golf complex consisting of three 9-hole courses that are played in 18-hole combinations featuring three sets of tees playing from 5,400 to 6,600 yards. An 18-hole, par-60 executive golf course is also on site and incorporates several of the original fairways in its layout.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE In 2001, archaeologists uncovered a prehistoric village and mound complex underneath the golf course. Native American artifacts and human remains were discovered indicating that human occupation at this site goes back thousands of years.



Osceola Municipal Golf Course

300 Tonawanda Drive
850.453.7599
osceolagolf.com



HISTORY The Osceola Municipal Golf Course is located in the City of Pensacola in Escambia County. In 1925, Pensacola voters approved a special \$100,000 bond for construction of the course. A.G. Siegfried, a landscape architect from Chicago, was hired to oversee construction and, in 1926, nine holes were officially opened. After winning the 1930 La Gorce Open golf tournament in Miami, “Wild” Bill Mehlhorn arrived in Pensacola to assume duties as the head golf professional at Osceola Golf Course. One of his first tasks was to direct the building of a second nine holes. In 2011, the Osceola Municipal Golf Course underwent a complete renovation, which included new greens and a state of the art practice facility.

TODAY The 18-hole, par-72 Osceola Municipal Golf Course features four sets of tees playing from 4,900 to 6,400 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE Osceola’s Head Golf Professional Adrian Stills graduated from Pensacola Catholic High School. In 1985, Stills earned his PGA Tour card and became the last African American to reach the PGA Tour via qualifying school until 25 years later.

Ponte Vedra Beach

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Ponte Vedra Inn & Club

200 Ponte Vedra Boulevard

850.453.7599

pontevedra.com/florida_golf_resorts/oceancourse



HISTORY The Ponte Vedra Inn & Club's Ocean Course is located in the unincorporated community of Ponte Vedra Beach in St. Johns County. In the early 1920s, the National Lead Company built a 9-hole golf course for the use of their employees. In 1928, golf course architect W.D. Clark of Chicago was hired to design and build a new 18-hole golf course on the site, named the Jacksonville Beach Golf Links. Subsequently, in 1931, British golf course architect Herbert Strong was hired to develop and build a new 18-hole golf course.

TODAY The 18-hole, par-72 Ocean Course at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club features five sets of tees playing from 4,900 to 6,800 yards. Please note: To enjoy play on the Ocean Course, you must be a member or a registered guest at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club.



LOCAL KNOWLEDGE In 1938, the Ocean Course was selected as the site for the 1939 Ryder Cup Matches. Unfortunately, just months prior to the scheduled November event, the match was canceled due to the onset of World War II.

Sanford

SEMINOLE COUNTY

Mayfair Country Club

3536 Country Club Road

407.322.2531

mayfairgolf.com



HISTORY The Mayfair Country Club is located in the City of Sanford in Seminole County. The golf course sits on land that was part of a 20,000 acre tract purchased in 1870 by Henry Sanford and sold in 1878 to Charles Amory. Amory, a retired sea captain, built the ship-shaped house, which remains a part of today's Mayfair clubhouse. Early in 1922, a 50-man crew began to build a golf course. That same year, with nine holes completed, the Sanford Country Club golf course officially opened for play.

TODAY The Mayfair Country Club includes an 18-hole, par-70 golf course featuring four sets of tees ranging from 5,000 to 6,400 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE In 1927, the Sanford Golf Course was host to a match between golfing legends Walter Hagen and Gene Sarazen. On the sixth hole, a member of the gallery stepped on Sarazen's ball which buried it in the ground and he was forced to take a five. On the thirteenth hole, Sarazen's tee shot struck a spectator on the head and the ball bounced 30 yards into a trap. Hagen beat Sarazen five and four.



Bobby Jones Golf Club

1000 Circus Boulevard
941.365.4653
bobbyjonesgolfclub.com



HISTORY

The Bobby Jones Golf Club is located in the City of Sarasota in Sarasota County. Renowned golf course architect Donald Ross was hired

to design the 18-hole layout which officially opened in 1926. In 1927, the City renamed the course the Bobby Jones Golf Club. A crowd of over 1,000 gathered to watch Bobby Jones personally dedicate the course. Additional holes were added over the years and the Ross course was split in half. To play all 18 holes of the original Donald Ross golf course, golfers have to play the back nine of both the American and British courses.

TODAY The Bobby Jones Golf Club is a 45-hole golf complex consisting of a 9-hole, par-30 executive course and two 18-hole par 71 & 72 golf courses that feature four sets of tees playing from 4,300 to 6,500 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE The street leading into the Golf Club is named in honor of local golf legend Paul Azinger. A 12-time winner on the PGA Tour, including the 1993 PGA Championship, Azinger played on four United States Ryder Cup teams and captained the 2008 winning team.



Sebring

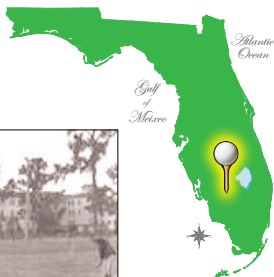
HIGHLANDS COUNTY

Sebring Golf Club

3118 Golfview Road

863.314.5919

sebringgolfclub.com



HISTORY The Sebring Golf Club is located in the City of Sebring in Highlands County. In 1924, the City of Sebring appropriated the money to build a municipal golf course, selecting 160 acres on the south side of Lake Jackson. In January 1925, golf architect W. H. "Bert" Way of the Mayfield Country Club of Cleveland, Ohio came to Sebring to lay out the municipal golf course. A.D. Taylor, a city planner and landscape architect also from Cleveland, had the contract to build the course, and construction immediately followed. In early 1926, nine holes of the golf course were opened for play, while the other nine were under construction. The complete 18-hole course officially opened in 1929.

TODAY The 18-hole, par-72 Sebring Golf Course features four sets of tees playing from 4,900 to 6,200 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE The golf course features several dog-leg holes but none more severe than the 2nd hole. Dating back to the original routing, the par-4 hole turns nearly 90 degrees, and plays from 245 to 308 yards, tempting golfers to cut the corner.

St. Petersburg

PINELLAS COUNTY

Vinoy Golf Club

600 Snell Isle Boulevard NE

863.314.5919

vinoyclub.com



HISTORY The Vinoy Golf Club is located in the City of St. Petersburg in Pinellas County. In 1920, St. Petersburg developer C. Perry Snell officially opened a 9-hole golf course called the “Coffee Pot Golf Club.” Over the years, Snell added additional holes and at one point there were two 18-hole golf courses. In 1932, D.L. Clark, of candy bar fame, purchased the Coffee Pot Golf Course on Snell Island and renamed it Clarks’ Sunset Golf and Country Club. Florida-based golf course architect Ron Garl redesigned the course in 1992.

TODAY The Vinoy Golf Club includes an 18-hole, par-71 golf course featuring six sets of tees ranging from 4,800 to 6,500 yards. Please note: To enjoy play at the Vinoy Golf Club, you must be a member or a registered guest at the Vinoy Hotel.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE The Vinoy offers players an alternative to walking the course, or riding in a golf cart, with the Golf Bike. Riding a bicycle on a golf course is not a modern idea. As early as 1920, one of the world’s richest men, John D. Rockefeller, would ride a bike while playing golf in Florida.



Martin County Golf Course

2000 SE St. Lucie Boulevard

772.320.4653

martincountygolfcourse.com

HISTORY The Martin County Golf Course is located in the City of Stuart in Martin County. Golf course architect William Langford was hired to design an 18-hole layout. In 1925, the first nine holes of the golf course officially opened and were known as the St. Lucie River Country Club. In 1947, the county acquired the 9-hole golf course and renamed it the Martin County Golf & Country Club. The golf course officially opened as a complete 18-hole golf course in 1963. Over the years, the county added another nine holes and by the late 1980s, the last nine holes were added to the existing 27 holes to complete the current 36-hole layout.



TODAY The Martin County Golf Course is a 36-hole golf complex consisting of four 9-hole courses that are played in two 18-hole combinations featuring four sets of tees playing from 5,000 to 6,400 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE Several original holes from the William Langford layout are still in use today and follow the historic 1925 routing. These include holes on the Red Course - No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and No. 15 on the White Course.



Tallahassee

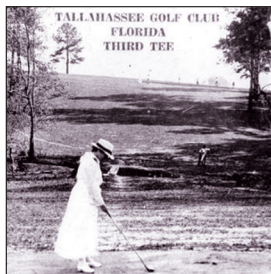
LEON COUNTY

Capital City Country Club

1601 Golf Terrace Drive

850.222.0419

capitalcitycc.com



HISTORY

The Capital City Country Club is located in the City of Tallahassee in Leon County. In 1913, George B. Perkins secured the services of Herbert H. Barker, a professional golf expert, to lay out

new golf links. The 9-hole Florida Hills Golf Club was completed in 1914. In 1924, it became the Tallahassee Country Club. In 1935, Albert W. Tillinghast, one of America's most renowned golf course architects, reviewed and commented on plans for nine new holes as well as the existing nine holes. Construction began in 1936 and was completed in a few years. In 1956, the golf course was leased to the newly chartered Capital City Country Club for a period of 99 years.

TODAY The Capital City Country Club includes an 18-hole, par-72 golf course featuring four sets of tees playing from 5,200 to 6,500 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE Golfer Gene Sarazen was so superstitious that he got off a train on March 7, 1922 in Tallahassee so he wouldn't arrive at his next golf tournament on a Tuesday. While in the city he played a round at the Capital City Country Club golf course.



Babe Zaharias Golf Course

11412 Forest Hills Drive

813.631.4374

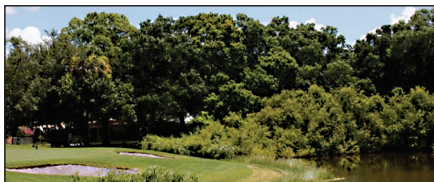
babezahariasgolf.net



HISTORY The Babe Zaharias Golf Course is located in North Tampa in Hillsborough County. The course opened in 1926 as the Forest Hills Golf and Country Club. It was designed and built by J. Franklin Meehan, a landscape architect and golf course builder from Philadelphia. In 1950, Mildred Ella “Babe” Didrikson Zaharias, one of the world’s greatest female athletes of the 20th century, became the winter golf professional for the club. In that same year, she and her husband George purchased the golf course and changed the name to the Tampa Golf and Country Club. The golf course closed after Zaharias died in 1956. In 1974 the City of Tampa re-opened the golf course and named it in her honor.

TODAY The 18-hole, par-70, Babe Zaharias golf course features three sets of tees playing from 4,800 to 6,200 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE The front nine is called the “Babe” and the back nine is called the “George” in honor of Babe’s husband, former professional wrestler George Zaharias. The 10th hole is affectionately called the “Big George.”



Rocky Point Golf Course

4151 Dana Shores Drive

813.673.4316

rockypointgolf.net

HISTORY The Rocky Point Golf Course is located in the City of Tampa in Hillsborough County. In 1910, the Tampa Automobile Club made arrangements to build a club house and spacious golf links at Rocky Point. The Club hired Atlanta golf expert F.G. Byrd to lay out an 18-hole golf course. Nine holes were opened for play in 1912, and the 18-hole layout was completed in 1913. The Tampa Automobile and Golf Club changed its name to the Rocky Point Golf Club in 1917. In 1941, the federal government took over the golf course and closed it for use as part of Drew Army Airfield. In 1953, the Government turned the property over to the City of Tampa for \$1. The course was then leased out and reopened in 1954.

TODAY The 18-hole, par-71 Rocky Point Golf Course features four sets of tees playing from 4,900 to 6,300 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE In the early part of the 1900s, the Tampa cigar industry was inundated by frequent strikes and walkouts by its workers. This trouble in the cigar industry affected the development at Rocky Point and temporarily delayed the construction of both the clubhouse and golf links.



Tarpon Springs

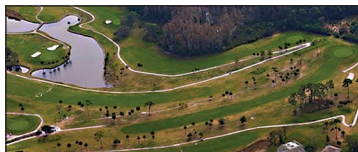
PINELLAS COUNTY

Tarpon Springs Golf Course

1310 South Pinellas Avenue

727.934.5191

tarponspringsgc.com



HISTORY The Tarpon Springs Golf Course is located in the City of Tarpon Springs in Pinellas County. In 1912, a golf club was organized, and golf links were soon under construction. The city hired W.D. Leith, originally from Edinburgh, Scotland, to supervise the work of putting the finishing touches on the golf course. Leith was the golf professional at the Northland Country Club in Duluth, Minnesota and a number of Duluth residents owned property in Tarpon Springs. In 1926, the golf course architectural firm of Wayne Stiles & John R. Van Kleeck completely rebuilt the existing 9-hole course and added nine more holes. At a cost of \$17,600, the new 18-hole municipal golf course featured large greens, several ponds and a number of dog-leg holes. The course was redesigned in 1957 by golf course architect Mark Mahannah.

TODAY The 18-hole, par-72 Tarpon Springs Golf Course features four sets of tees playing from 5,100 to 6,200 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE Golf legend Gene Sarazen had a home in nearby New Port Richey and was a regular player on the Tarpon Springs links in the 1930s.

Temple Terrace

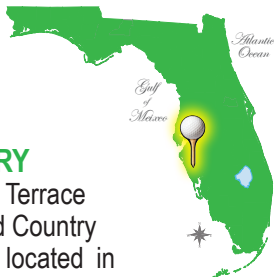
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Temple Terrace Golf & Country Club

200 Inverness Avenue

813.988.1791

templeterracegolf.com



HISTORY

Temple Terrace Golf and Country Club is located in the City of Temple Terrace in Hillsborough County.

The golf course was an integral part of the original plat of the development of Temple Terrace. The developers hired golf course designer Tom Bendelow. In 1921, Bendelow arrived from Chicago to look over the Temple Terrace property. Work began on the course later that year and the first nine holes were open for play in 1922. The following year, the 18-hole golf course was completed and officially opened. The original Mediterranean Revival clubhouse located behind the 18th green now belongs to Florida College and is used as a dormitory. In 2012, the Temple Terrace golf course became the second Florida golf course listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

TODAY The Temple Terrace Golf and Country Club includes an 18-hole, par-72 golf course featuring four sets of tees playing from 5,400 to 6,400 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE There is no driving range at Temple Terrace. Woods, long irons and short irons can be used on holes number 2, 7, 10 and 14, but only short irons are allowed on hole number 9.

West Palm Beach

PALM BEACH COUNTY

West Palm Beach Golf Course

7001 Parker Avenue
561.882.1591
wpalmbeachgc.com



HISTORY The West Palm Beach Golf Course is located in the City of West Palm Beach in Palm Beach County. The West Palm Beach Country Club was built in the 1920s, and was the city's

first golf course. During World War II, it was purchased by the federal government to enlarge the Palm Beach Air Force Base (Morrison Field). City officials considered purchasing the North Palm Beach Golf Course and clubhouse but decided instead to build a new golf course closer to the city. They selected the design of prominent golf course architect Dick Wilson, and began construction in 1946. Wilson designed a unique, highly rolling, waterless 18-hole layout that officially opened in 1947. The Golf Course was restored in 2009 by ten time PGA Tour Champion Mark McCumber.

TODAY The 18-hole, par-72 West Palm Beach Golf Course features five sets of tee playing from 5,000 to 7,002 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE In 1959, Arnold Palmer won the West Palm Beach Open in a three-way playoff on this golf course with rounds of 72, 67, 66, and 76 and earned the winners prize of \$2,000.

Winter Park

ORANGE COUNTY

Winter Park Country Club

761 Old England Avenue

407.599.3339

winterparkcountryclub.com



HISTORY The Winter Park Country Club is located in the City of Winter Park in Orange County. In 1914, Harley A. Ward and Dow George were commissioned to lay out a 9-hole course on 25 acres at the north end of town. In that same year, George built an additional 18-hole golf course which would wrap around the 9-hole "short" course. In 1926, the Winter Park Country Club golf courses were closed. The course reopened in 1937 after the club combined holes from the 18-hole and 9-hole golf courses to produce a new 9-hole layout. In 1999, the Winter Park golf course became the first golf course in Florida to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

TODAY The Winter Park Country Club includes a 9-hole, par-35 golf course featuring two sets of tees playing from 2,300 to 2,400 yards.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE The first hole of the Winter Park golf course was once the opening hole for both the 18-hole and 9-hole golf courses. Both courses shared the first hole. Golfers would then go to a different second hole, depending on which layout they were playing.





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Scene at Country Club,
Winter Park, Fla.



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